

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 412

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to congratulate James and Louise Pulliam on the celebration of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 1940, James and Louise Pulliam were joined in holy matrimony at the home of their pastor, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Pulliam are highly respected citizens of the Bolivar community; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the couple settled in Middleton and operated a dry cleaning business after Mr. Pulliam's service in the United States Army; Mr. Pulliam later worked for Tennessee Gas; and

WHEREAS, James Pulliam's love of music led him to enroll at Union University to study music after he felt called to serve the Lord with church music; and

WHEREAS, the Pulliams began serving First Baptist Church in Bolivar in 1960; Mrs. Pulliam was the church's educational director, and both served on various committees at the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, the couple's dedication to serving the Lord and optimistic outlook brought forth many changes to the church, including the addition of a youth choir, handbell choir, Living Christmas Tree choir, and senior adult choir; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Pulliam credit their Christian faith and love for one another for sustaining them throughout their marriage; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2015, the couple celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary with family and friends at First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-five years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Pulliams' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James and Louise Pulliam on the celebration of their seventy-fifth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.